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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ISHIBASHI, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/019,408  
Filed: December 28, 2001  
For: TOOTH BLEACHING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
BLEACHING DISCOLORED TOOTH  
Group: 1614  
Examiner: S. Rose

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 AND § 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Official Action in connection with an Australian patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a copy of the reference newly cited in this Official Action. It is noted that the other reference cited by the Examiner in the enclosed Official Action, AU-A-90956/98, is a family equivalent of JP 11-92351, an English language Abstract of which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 28, 2001, in the above-identified application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final rejection or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action

closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the following Statement is made under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account

No. 01-2135 (Case No. 396.40960X00), and please credit any excess fees to such  
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Respectfully submitted,

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